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BLACK CROSS
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I GOT A BRUISE FROM GETTING PUNCHED, HUH?
OH... I JUST BUMPED INTO SOME-ONE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CHEEK, BRO?
HUH ?!
YOU'RE LATE AGAIN TODAY, KOUTAROU.
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... OH.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE MORE CARE-FUL!
IT'S A PRETTY BIG BRUISE, DAD!
I JUST BUMPED INTO SOMEONE ON THE PLATFORM AT THE STATION ...
WHY ARE YOU CRADLING YOUR CHEEK?

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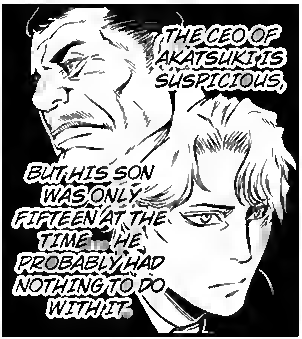
'NIGHT... OH, SHOOT! THE CURRY!
I'M TIRED, SO I'M JUST GOING TO HIT THE SACK.
HM ...
THUMP
...
DID HE REALLY JUST BUMP INTO SOME-ONE?
...
IT'S NO GOOD ...
I'M TOTALLY BEAT, BUT I STILL CAN'T SLEEP.
MY MIND IS JUST TOO AWAKE ...
I MEAN, I GOT INTO A BRAWL ON MY VERY FIRST DAY...

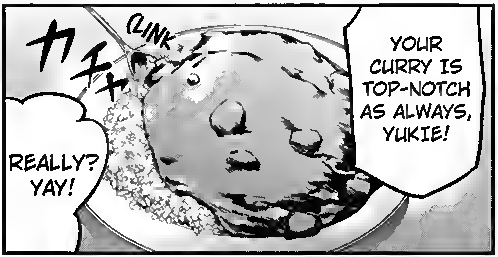
THAT MY FAMILY WAS ACTUALLY KILLED BY SOMEONE FROM AKATSUKI PRO?
BUT HOW DO I FIND PROOF...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS ISN'T JUST GLITZ AND GLAMOUR, AFTER ALL.

IT'S BEEN SEVENTEEN YEARS SINCE THE INCIDENT ...

BUT NOW ...?
THEY COULD WELL BE WORKING TOGETHER...


THE CEO OF AKATSUKI IS SUSPICIOUS,
BUT HIS SON WAS ONLY FIFTEEN AT THE TIME... HE PROBABLY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.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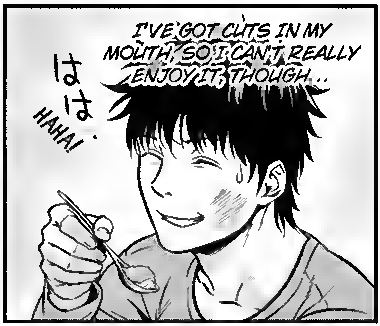
CLINK
YOUR CURRY IS TOP-NOTCH AS ALWAYS, YUKIE!
REALLY? YAY!

THAT BRUISE HAS GONE FROM RED TO BLUE, HUH?
IT'LL HEAL SOON.


I'VE GOT CUTS IN MY MOUTH, SO I CAN'T REALLY ENJOY IT, THOUGH...
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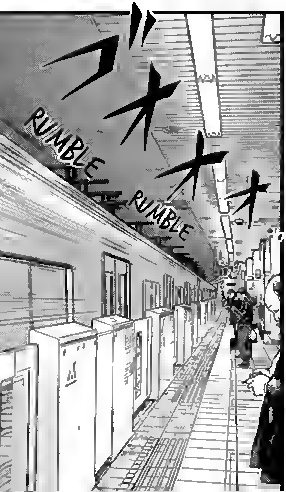
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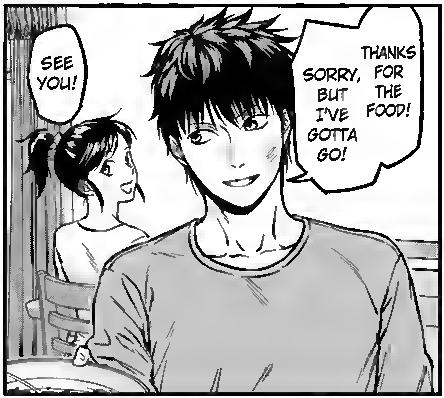
SEE YOU!
SORRY, BUT I'VE GOTTA GO!
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!

SQUEEEE

CHUNK
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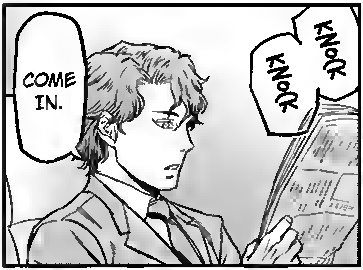
I WONDER HOW THINGS WILL GO TODAY...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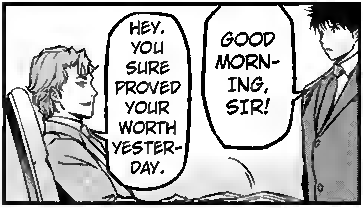
COME IN.


GOOD MORNING, SIR!
HEY. YOU SURE PROVED YOUR WORTH YESTERDAY.

SO WHAT SORT OF WORK ARE WE DOING TODAY, SIR?
MY SCHEDULE'S JAM-PACKED WITH OUTSIDE APPOINT-MENTS TODAY.
WELL, IT'S MOSTLY JUST CHATTING UP BORED OLD SUITS, THOUGH.
BUT ANYWAY, THE BIZ IS ALL ABOUT WHO YOU KNOW.
AND MY JOB HERE IS DEALING WITH NEGO-TIATIONS WITH OTHER BUSINESS-ES.
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU CAN TAKE YOUR BOOZE, BUT WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF PEOPLE TONIGHT, SO BRACE YOURSELF.
YES, SIR ...
OH, YEAH. STARTING TOMOR-ROW YOU CAN COME TO WORK AT 1:00PM.
YOU DON'T WANNA KILL YOUR-SELF.

OKAY, FIRST WE'LL GO TO THE TV STATION IN ODAIBA.
YES, SIR!
THAT'S GREAT!
FRANKLY, GETTING UP EARLY AND RIDING DURING THE RUSH THIS MORNING WAS EXHAUSTING.
HAHA! SUDDENLY FULL OF ENERGY, EH?
HEY, KYOUSUKE!
...
...!
...HEY, DAD.

P.A. ?
WHY'RE YOU WALKING OUT WITH THE NEW HIRE?
WHOOPS! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU. I MADE HIM MY P.A.
I WAS THINK-ING I NEED ONE NOW.
... HMPH
DO WHAT YOU WANT
SEE YA
...
THAT'S A PROBLEM. IT'D IN-TERFERE WITH MY WORK.
YOU WANT HIM BACK ?
GETTING PRETTY GRABBY, AREN'T WE?

HEH
...IS IT SO SURPRISING THAT WE'RE NOT FRIENDLY?
OKAY, NOW WE'VE GOT THE BOSS'S PERMISSION, SO NOW YOUR POSITION IS SETTLED.
WHAT WAS WITH THAT EXCHANGE?
THANK YOU, SIR.
HUH?
...UH, WELL... A LITTLE.
I JUST DON'T GET ALONG WITH THAT ASS.
MUMBLE
COME ON, LET'S GO.
YES, SIR.
HE CALLS HIS OWN FATHER AN ASS, HUH.

WHY ON EARTH IS AKATSUKI JR. SO ODDLY HOSTILE?!